



# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: June 2015

## *June 2015*

Next meeting is Wed., June 3rd, at the Canton Library, 6:00 PM. Bring a dish to pass for pot luck dinner and table setting.

**President: William deLorraine**

**Vice President: Scott Sutherland**

**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**

**Treasurer: Chris Sutherland**

**Show Chairperson: Bob Taillon**

**Advertising: Heather O'Hara**

**Newsletter Editor: Bill deLorraine**

**Webmaster: Glenn Simonelli - Andy Sutherland**

## Upcoming Shows

### **June 6-7, 2015**

#### **Wayne Co. Gem & Mineral Show (Gem Fest)**

Sat. June 6th 10-5 Sunday 10-4

Greater Canandaigua Civic Ctr. Canandaigua, NY  
250 N. Bloomfield Rd. Contact Fred Haynes

585-203-1733; fredmhaynes55@gmail.com

### **June 6-7, 2015**

#### **Orange County Mineral Show**

1010 Route 17M Monroe, NY 10950

[www.orangecountymineralsocietynewyork.com](http://www.orangecountymineralsocietynewyork.com)

### **July 11-12, 2015**

#### **Gemworld- Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse,**

SRC Arena, Onondaga Community College

4585 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syr., NY 13212

### **July 18-19, 2015**

#### **1st Annual Herkimer Diamond Festival & Gem Show**

127 N. Prospect St. Herkimer, NY - Myer's Park  
Herkimer, NY Facebook page is:

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/Herkimers-](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Herkimers-Diamond-Festival-Gem-Show/1389083001398174)

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More information to come.

### **August 7-9, 2015**

#### **East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show**

West Springfield, MA 10-6. Friday, 10-5 Sat. \$6.00

Adults. Better Living Ctr. 1305 Memorial Ave. W.  
Springfield, MA 01089

### **August 22-23, 2015**

#### **St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club Show**

49th annual show in Madrid, NY @ Community  
Ctr., 1835 St. Hwy 345, Madrid, NY 13660. Free  
admission, free mineral kits for kids, free gem tree  
classes. Fluorescent mineral hunt for kids Friday,  
21st, at dusk. Hrs. Sat. 9-4, Sunday 9-3.

## **2015 Membership Dues from August 2014 to August 2015**

**Please make sure we have your current e-mail  
address!**

We strive to send all newsletters by e-mail

Please mail dues to: Chris Sutherland, Treasurer;  
287 Cty. Rd. 29, Canton, NY 13617

**Single Membership: \$10.00. Family  
Membership: (Family members under the same  
roof at the same mailing address): \$20.00**

### **Contact information:**

**315-287-4652 or  
wdellie@gmail.com**

### **THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:**

**[www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org](http://www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org)**



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## September 19-20, 2015

Mid Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Show  
Gold's Gym 258 Titusville Rd. Poughkeepsie, NY

## October 17-18, 2015

**Bristol Gem and Mineral Club Show**  
Beals Community Ctr. 240 Stafford Ave. Bristol,  
CT [www.Bristolgem.org](http://www.Bristolgem.org)

### Next Meetings' Agenda

- **Upcoming field trips**
- **Advertising for the show**
- **Volunteers for field trip coordinator**
- **Mineral kits for kids - need to collect, dates**
- **T-Shirt color**
- **order signs and bases**
- **pass out flyers**

(Next meeting, Wed, June 3rd)  
6 PM

### Program

### *This note just in from Dave Millis:*

## **JULY FIELD TRIP TO BANCROFT, ONTARIO**

The first collecting day is the 15th. Most popular sites are, Bear Lake and Schikler for Apatite, calcite and Fluorite; Beryl pit for Tourmaline, Amazonite and beryl crystals; Miller site and the Fluoristerite road cut. The sites will be picked by consensus except Thursday will be Schikler, and Friday is a day you can go off on your own. Field trips start at 8 o'clock at Bancroft campground (613-332-3673);

you do not have to camp there. Field trips end Sunday; I'm staying until Wednesday AM.

Crossing the border into Canada is easy -- avoid the "5 Fires": Firewater, Firesticks, Firearms, Fireworks, and Firecrackers. Crossing back is harder. Again, avoid the 5 Fires! Bring your passport or enhanced drivers' license. Your rocks must be free of soil that may contain biologics, maximum purchases duty-free after a 48-hr visit is \$400 US per person per car. Taking pets along is a bad idea. If you do, a current rabies vaccine certificate is required both ways. The best currency exchange rates are with a credit card but you will need some cash.

### *This note just in from Rob and Sarah Bancroft:*

**Just wanted to let the club know that Rob and I will be going to the Bancroft area July 25 - August 2 to attend the local gem show and the Gemboree.**

**We will also be collecting at the Beryl Pit, Craigmont, Miller Farm, Bear Lake Digs, and more. If anyone would like to join us for all or even part of this time they would be welcomed.**

(Contact Bill & Joanna)

Minutes from the last meeting:

Our last meeting was May 6th. It was held in the upstairs of the Canton Library. 15 people attended, with guest speaker, Dave Millis putting on a presentation on Crystal Systems. Everyone enjoyed subs which were supplied by the club and a delicious apple pie. Introductions around the room were made. We has a guest, Jim, form Saratoga. He had been here visiting Clarkson College, cataloging items in the Civil Engineering Building. He retired 4-5 years ago.



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Dave Millis gave his presentation. He asked questions and gave out prizes of mineral specimens. We all learned a lot of interesting information on crystals, crystal structure, and atoms.

Heather O'Hara, advertising chairperson had some comments on the advertising situation. She noted also that there was conflicting information on the website compared to our brochure.

Barb Decker noted that the St. Lawrence Co. edition of the Watertown Daily Times still had it advertized in the "upcoming events or meetings" section, that our club meets on the first Thrs. (not Wed). As of this printing we're happy to report that Advertizing Chair, Heather, has corrected the situation.

Much discussion on the advertising situation and the extent to which other officers should get "involved". It was noted that responses to phone communications and to e-mails (from the President) is a "must" in any organization, business, club, or group -- it's just good management practice, plain and simple, to ensure that once tasks and responsibilities have been delegated that in fact those responsibilities have been duly executed. Also it is standard practice for files to undergo "peer review" before they're outsourced for publication; often several sets of eyes can ferret out errors and omissions that somehow escape the "spel cheker" or the author's eye. The Prez, Secretary, Treasurer, and Advertizing Chair are going to practice tapping the "CC" tab during the course of email communications. The "Buck" stops with the President's office; it is incumbent upon this person to ensure, thru appropriate channels of communications with appropriate persons and officers, that deadlines are met, bills are paid, and that other business matters of the club are attended to. The thought was to convey the idea that involvement of others is not necessarily intrusive "micromangement" but intended as helpful good management practice.

It was mentioned that this years' show flyer needed to be completed preferably by next meeting in June. Joanna and Bill had on hand a new version which they had taken to distribute at the Albany Show and the Rochester Symposium. Bob noted that the show flyer could use some tweaking; other members agreed. By editing out all the restaurants, "bed and breakfasts" and motels, it would make more room for other more germane items. Chris also reminded to remove any mention of camping. Joanna asked if anyone wanted to assume the duty of revamping the flyer; Chris Sutherland and Heather O'Hara agreed to work together on it. (As of this printing Heather has done lots of work on the new show brochure having collaborated with Joanna, Bill and Chris; the finished product can be viewed on the Club's website). Many thanks to webmaster Glenn Simonelli for his tireless efforts and all the ongoing help in keeping our website up-to-date!

Bill talked about having someone go to the club storage shed and count the bases and signs to see how many we need to order. I did not note who was supposed to do this in my notes. It was decided that we needed to order 100 bases.

Scott Sutherland said the Alverson family would donate Skyler's hats to the club.

The meeting was dismissed as it was getting late around 8:00 and the library was closing.